

By the Queene.

A Proclamation agaynst maynteyners of seditious persons, and of trayterous bookes and writings.



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The Queenes Maiestie considering with her selfe, howe it hath pleased almighty God at this present to conserue her Realme in an vniuersall good peace, and her subiectes in a constant obedience vnto her Maiestie, notwithstanding the sundry secrete malicious solicitations of certayne fugitiues and rebelles, beyng fled, and nowe remainyng out of the Realme, by their seditious messages and false reportes sent into the same, tending to prouoke others to be partakers of their malicious treasons: Can not but first geue the due thanks & prayse therof to almighty God, and therewith commend both the loyaltie of her good subiectes for their obedience, and allowe of this their vniuersall constancie in the conseruation of them selues together within the bande of common peace. And furthermore also to geue admonition and warnyng, specially to the simple sort of her good louyng subiectes, that they be no wyse abused with the wicked practises of the sayd fugitiues and rebelles, by any their adherentes secretly remainyng or repayng into the Realme, and wandring in corners, mouyng good subiectes to be disobedient to the lawes, and scattering false rumors and newes, both by speache, and by bookes and wrytinges, onely of intent to breake the common peace of the same, and to procure more partners with them in their treasons and rebellions. And therfore her Maiestie chargeth and commaundeth all maner her good subiectes, to be earnestly ware hereof, and to employ their bittermost diligence in the apprehension of such secrete perswadoers of disobedience, and breaking of lawes, and of the sowers and stirrers of sedition, and specially of such as do or shall bring into the Realme any seditious bookes, wrytinges, or such lyke trayterous deuises agaynst the lawes & gouernment of the Realme, or any wyse prejudicial to the royall state of her Maiestie. And if any shalbe founde wyllingly to ayde or comfort any such seditious persons in their sayd malicious attemptes, or shal receaue and kepe, or conceale any maner of such seditious bookes, wrytinges or bulles, in print or wrytten, & shal not presently discover the said persons, and procure them to be apprehended, nor cause the said hynde of wrytinges to be speedily presented to the superiour officers, as hath ben by Proclamation lately last ordered and deuised: her Maiestie geueth it to be vnderstande, that then al and euery such person so offendyng after this admonition, shalbe taken, reputed, and punished, as abettors & maynteyners of the principall Traytors that were aucthous of the same: Meanyng in this behalfe, considering this playne admonition, not to be hereafter moued to spare the execution of such offendours, vpon pretence or allegation of simplicitie or ignorance, to excuse their defaultes.

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God saue the Queene.

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